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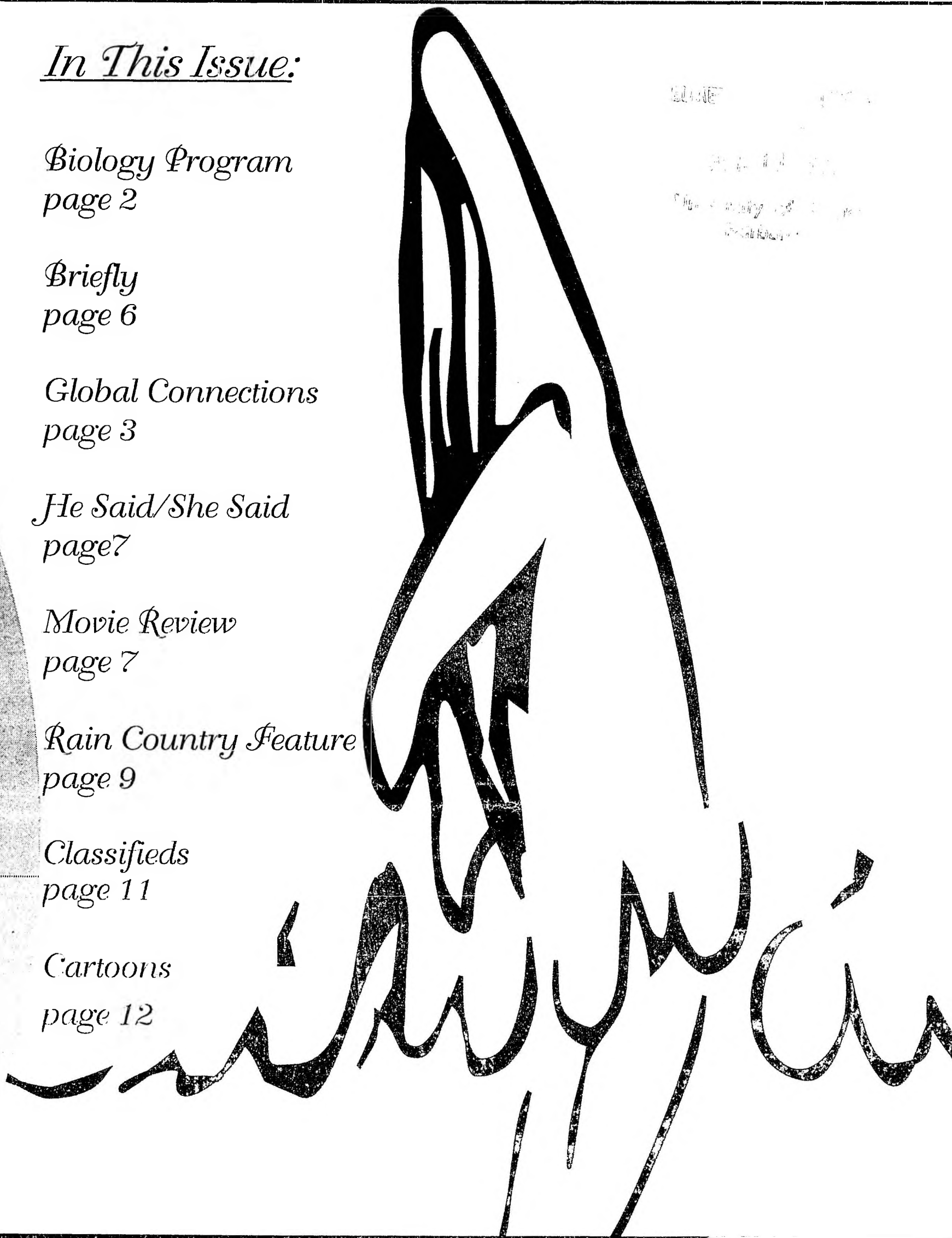
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Welcome back from Spring Break 1995. UAS students enjoy a fun filled night on the town in the heart of Mexico. It was a time to relax and re-coup from the stresses of mid-terms. Hope every one played hard, and played safe.

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News

Biology program decides to make changes

BY AMELIA JENKINS
WHALESONG REPORTER

Presently, the UAS biology program begins with the entry level course Biology 113, The Principles of Biology. This course is required as an introduction for biology majors, and as a lab science for Liberal Arts majors. This class is non-transferable, even within the University of Alaska system. This is about to change. "We want to make our courses compatible with other universities. Right now our biology credit won't transfer up to Anchorage," says Dennis Russell, a biology professor at UAS.

Beginning in the fall of 1995, this course will be divided into two semesters. It will become Biology 105 and 106.

As well as being more transferable, this change will allow instructors to go into more depth without increasing the pace of the class. "Students don't learn instantly," points out Russell, "With this new

Pictured below, a biology student takes a closer look through an electron microscope.



program we can go into more depth."

This change is part of an overall effort to make the UAS biology program more helpful to students. "We would like to see students graduate in four years," says Russell, "We can do this by offering classes more often."

Many pre-requisites which are currently required are not directly applicable to the course. "We will try to do away with frivolous pre-requisites," says Russell. Pre-requisites which do have content effecting the students ability to perform in a class will remain in place.

With these changes,

the biology class you take here will transfer directly to most other universities.

A few other changes are possibly in the works to make the UAS biology major more compatible with other universities. Other courses in the biology program such as organic chemistry also may be split into two semester courses. Hopefully, the restructuring of the courses in the biology program will ensure greater transferability and give the student greater depth in the subject matter.

Petition for snow removal put on hold

BY LEILANI WILSON
WHALESONG REPORTER

Shane Fender, a student government representative at UAS is upset with the snow maintenance standards on campus.

"The university housing parking lot is a safety hazard with all the ice, and many students can get hurt during the winter months," said Fender, an Oregonian who may not be used to our unpredictably snowy climate. During the winter months, ice in the parking lots and on access roads creates a dangerous situation for drivers and pedestrians. Upset with the unsafe conditions on the campus, Fender initiated a petition demanding a higher standard for the university to follow in snow maintenance.

Fender was hoping that the petition would jump-start Physical Plant to make the roads and walkways safer for pedestrian and vehicle use.

Unfortunately, Fender's petition hasn't received as much attention as he had expected. Fender believes the lack of attention is due to the warm weather and spring-like conditions occurring most recently.

Fender will continue working on the petition and next winter he will probably submit it to the Chancellor. Fender hopes with the onslaught of next year's winter his petition will gain more attention and then can be submitted to the Chancellor. However, if next year's winter lacks the typical punch of this year's snow and ice or if Physical Plant increases their effort, Fender's petition might not be needed.



A student works on one of the new Macs that were recently purchased for the housing lodge.

What's new at housing?

BY LEILANI WILSON
WHALESONG REPORTER

The university housing lodge is in the process of upgrading and receiving renovations. Student Activities and Housing has purchased some exercise equipment and a smaller t.v. for the current t.v. room. The exercise equipment includes a rowing machine and a Lifecycle machine.

Student Activities and Housing also purchased three new power PCs for the computer room in the lodge. The computers are not on the university network system, but the vax will be accessible via modems. Equipment to network the computers has been purchased and will be installed soon.

This summer, the lodge will be re-painted, along

with some other small improvements. The maintenance fund that comes from a portion of the rent is budgeted two years in advance. This fund can be used for the purchase of recreational equipment such as the rumored air hockey machine; however, no purchases have been made. If you are interested in offering suggestions for improvements at Housing please let Lynette, the Housing Manager, know. She can be reached at 465-3869.

News

Global Connections? How about studying abroad?

BY BROOKE ROHWEDER
WHALESONG REPORTER

Studying abroad is now an option for students, thanks to Elizabeth Schelle, the academic advisor responsible for making UAS a part of the International Student Exchange Program as of last semester.

The ISEP program offers more than 100 study sites worldwide, both for semester and full-year exchanges. Tuition for the program is equal to UAS tuition, and the fees are paid directly to UAS.

In addition to bringing ISEP to UAS, Schelle has also prompted students to form Global Connections, a club designed to further international awareness and boost the

ISEP program.

Shawn Paul has been designated president of the new organization. Paul, who obtained a degree in Political Science from the University of Montana, hopes to pursue a Master's Degree in International Relations.

Paul is excited about Global Connections, and said that student interest has been promising. "A lot of people are excited and want to be involved," he said.

The group has gotten together several times, he said. Global Connections has started a Porta-Corn discussion group and plans to conduct a brown bag lunch series regarding international issues.

The first meeting will be Thursday, 12:30, in the

Mourant Lounge. The guest speaker is UAS professor Dennis Russell, who will be sharing about his travel experiences in Asia.

Global Connections, said Paul, will also be helping with the ISEP program. The club was started, he said, because Schelle needed student support to get the program off the ground.

"Next year, we will be having an orientation to help out foreign students," said Paul. This year, he said, there are 25 international students visiting UAS.

The international club can also be a resource for UAS students interested in travel overseas, either with the ISEP program or on their own. "We might be able to put together a

packet that would help students who will be traveling abroad," said Paul.

Schelle also plans to offer a two-credit course next fall, titled "Cross-Cultural Training." She believes that students in Global Connections can be an asset to the course. "Maybe they could buddy up with foreign students...there's just so much potential," she said.

Even though Schelle just applied for the ISEP program this year, she said that two students have already been accepted to study abroad next semester, and a third student will most likely also be accepted.

Said Schelle, "We are the first campus in Alaska to become a member of ISEP...it's

exciting to become a member. When I was a student, I studied in Sweden for a year. It's so hard to explain how it changes your life—it definitely gives you

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Physical plant plans to give tickets and remove the library stop sign

BY SHAWN C. PAUL
WHALESONG REPORTER

Students at the University of Alaska Southeast - Juneau will soon receive a special April Fools present from Physical Plant. Beginning April 1, 1995, UAS will increase its contract with Knightwatch Security to include writing parking tickets on campus.

According to UAS Manager of Facilities, Bob Etheridge, this is in response to the large numbers of vehicles parked along the curb of the lot designated for access to persons with disabilities (parallel to the Novatney Bldg.). Knightwatch will also be expected to write tickets for violations occurring at housing.

This enforcement is not only intended to clear the access area for disabled persons, but also clear space for service vehicles, as

well. Physical Plant has received several complaints from the UAS mailroom that campus deliveries were impossible due to the abun-

Lynette Campbell, UAS Housing Manager, pointed out a problem that also needs attention. Campbell believes that people driving on the walkways and parking in spots designated for the handicapped has become a serious problem. She went on to clarify that violators were not just students, but taxi drivers and pizza deliverers, and other guests.

Director of Physical Facilities, Bob Green, has targeted the signed area along the curb next to the Mourant Building and UAS housing as focal points for Knightwatch officers to give parking fines. Initial violators will be given \$10 fines, those parked in the handicapped spaces will be given \$100 fines. Green added that repeat parking violators will have continuous increases in fines until the behavior is corrected.

"It is very generous of Physical Plant to warn students instead of just issuing tickets," said USUAS President Scott Tribble. UAS was granted

the authority to have security officers write parking tickets on March 17. However, UAS does not have authority to cite moving violations.

The contract extension to Knightwatch increases their contract by \$250 a day. This money is for monitoring any UAS-J campus location specified by Green and Etheridge. UAS currently plans to issue tickets only during business and class hours.

Physical Plant will not receive any of the fine money. Green is hoping that students will obey the law, which will allow UAS to reduce the enforcement budget later on. Campbell is also hoping that students and visitors will learn not to illegally park. "It's too bad we had to resort to this. I wish people would just be more responsible," she stated.

Besides the new policy on parking tickets, Physical Plant will be taking action to remove the stop sign from behind the library. "I have seen the Whalesong cartoons and I'm willing to take down the stop sign if students are willing to obey

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The Wynton Marsalis Quartet

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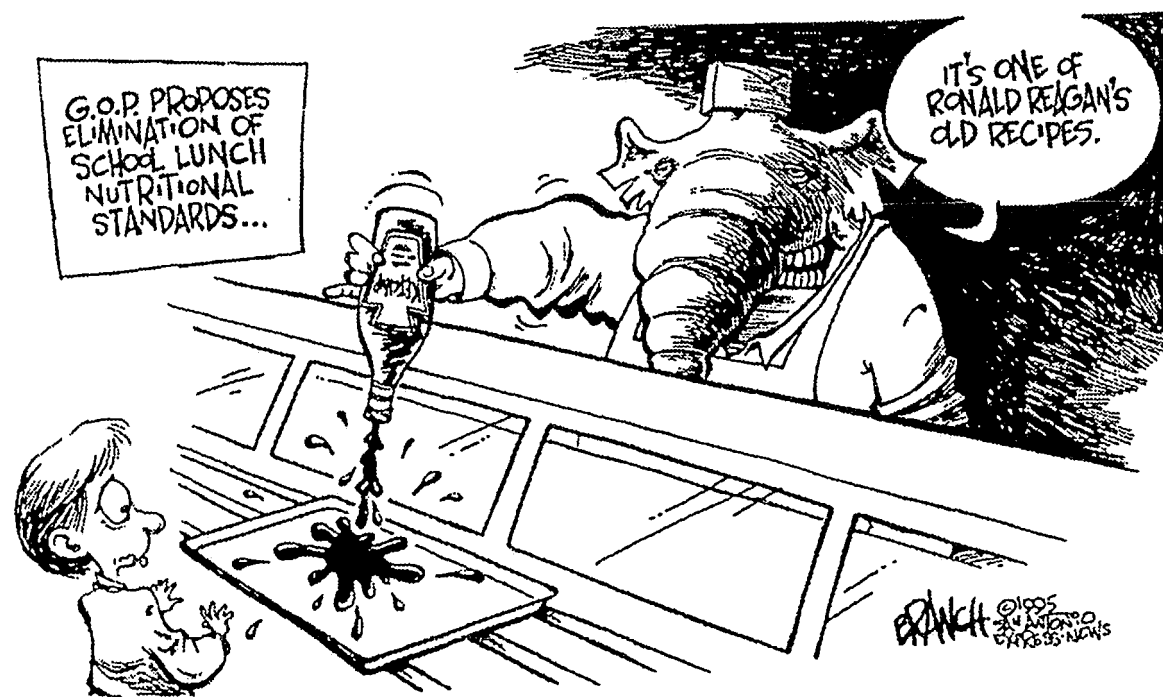


EDITORIAL



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Opinion: Students should be willing to pay for new recreational facility

By SHAWN PAUL
WHALESONG COLUMNIST

Timing is everything. Last issue this same columnist pointed out the obvious; an education at UAS is inexpensive. Furthermore, if UAS is to grow in terms of size and quality, then all parties involved must assume a greater level of responsibility. The university administration has done its part. It is now our turn.

On April 10 and 11, students will be asked to ante up. The coming USUAS general election will determine whether students will pay an \$80 user fee per semester to enjoy the privileges of a Physical Education and Recreation Facility or continue to pray for free buildings which will never come. Count me in.

The fees will be used to repay twenty-year bonds which will be sold to finance one-half of the project. True, we are going to the Legislature for construction funding. This time, however, we've taken the initiative to make it a cooperative venture.

The Chancellor has committed to using \$90,000 per year of general fund monies for operating expenses. They will most likely come from venue-rental savings. The overall cost of construction will be approximately \$3 million; half of which, students taking three credits or more, are being asked to contribute. Students with one or two credits will be offered the option of paying the \$80 usage fee when they register.



Shawn Paul

What will we get for \$80 each semester? The obvious benefits are freedom and convenience. Student Services has stated that the hours of operation will be from 6AM - 10PM, excluding special events. The facility will be for the sole purpose of student use. For the first time, we will be the number one priority. Located on campus, this building will allow students to recreate after classes, during lunch or after a long day in the library. What better way to work off frustration about Dr. Brown's economics class than strenuous physical torture?

Beyond athletics, this facility also provides students a convenient location for social events. The Student Activities office would love to bring events to the student body for a change, instead of having you track down the events.

The hidden benefits are probably greater than the obvious though. Student Services spends roughly \$50,000 a year for the rental of off-campus locations. Of that

figure, \$37,850 is currently paid to the Juneau Racquet Club which generously allows student usage. This fee has gone up nearly every year the contract has existed. That amount may seem large, but it is much less than the club could charge if they sold student memberships.

While we must not forget the JRC's kind contribution we cannot assume it will last forever. It is, after all, a small private business. JRC should not be expected to lose money for the sake of local students. UAS, however, is not intending to compete with JRC. The administration is only trying to find an inexpensive and efficient method to accomplish its mission. Most students could never afford the actual price of JRC membership. The few who have enough money will join anyway to receive the specialized attention and courses the Racquet Club offers.

UAS-J currently seeks to enhance its recreational offerings with open gym nights in schools throughout the community. As might be expected, we are the lowest priority for usage. Accordingly, every Friday gym reservation during the Spring semester has been cancelled, leaving UAS volleyball and basketball teams as well as general students with Sunday practices only.

Physical education and recreation are important in human development. The university has a respon-

sibility to provide a facility for health maintenance and social interaction. In times of budget cuts and funding decreases, students will have to pitch in. The question is not if we should build the facility but if it is worth the price of four compact discs to use it. It is to me.

UAS architect and project manager for this

proposal, Mike Greene, agreed to post information boards around campus if USUAS would put the measure on the April ballot. Three schematics are displayed on the main campus and one is at the Bill Ray Center. Review them carefully and join me in owning a part of UAS' future.

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News

Ever wonder about activities and housing

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Student Activities, as we call it, is only one of the five departments that are in the Department of Activities and Housing. To fund these five departments—Student Housing, the Children's Center, Student Activities, the Bookstore, Food Service—is a budget of approximately \$1.8 million.

Several of the departments fund themselves. Student Housing is paid for entirely by student fees in the form of rent. Food Service makes its \$188,000 each year by selling food to hungry students. In fact, Student Activities is the only area which receives general fund money for its support.

Student Activities helps bring events such as the comedian, Paul Rodriguez. Last year, Student Activities paid approximately \$10,000 in the form of money and personnel support to help bring Weird Al Yankovic to Juneau. Student Activities often works with a concert promoter or other agency to bring events the department could not otherwise afford.

Some of the more exciting news in the Department of Activities and Housing

is the approval by the Legislature of money the University has been lobbying for to expand the student housing complex. The \$1.8 million in matching funds UAS received towards the \$3.7 million needed for the entire project should be available in July.

Tish Griffin, Director of Student Activities and Housing, says "we [hope to] break ground July 1 and be opened the following year." That would add 81 new units to the existing student housing complex in the fall of 1996. The facility is designed for 81 students in "suite style" rooms. Each "suite" would consist of two rooms with two students in each room. Because the new facility does not have a food service area, the Mourant Cafeteria will have to be expanded. These planned expansions include a full meal plan—which would be available to all students—and more cafeteria style line serving.

"There is a half a million dollar capital appropriation request so that we could get into some line type serving in the Mourant Cafeteria. I would anticipate a 7 or 14 meal [per week] plan in addition to the 20 or 21 meal [per week] plan," says Griffin.

Each of the new rooms would have only a microwave and refrigerator.

One improvement not listed in the capital project budget is any expansion of the parking facilities. Griffin says "We have counted spaces, and given the fact if everybody takes the disabled cars out of there that are not working, we should have adequate parking."

One boon for the new facility is its modernity—phone, cable TV, and computer network wires will be installed during the construction. "We are already going ahead with wiring the lodge. We just bought \$8000 worth of black box hardware. Michael Ciri and LeeAnn Dickson are currently linking the lodge. Given that the residence hall is going to be wired for phone and computer, then my guess is that at some point in time, we will have to look at wiring the rest of housing. I believe it's already wired for it," says Griffin.

The other new facility going in front of the Legislature is the Physical Education facility. The proposal is similar. The total cost of the project is \$3 million and the university is

hoping that the state will pay half. The other half, however, is proposed to be paid for by "a mandatory fee for all students taking three credits or more of \$80. We will be providing [the students] with a ballot," says Griffin.

This proposal impacts students with a mandatory \$80 fee for a "bare bones facility built around a basketball court and an exercise room," says Griffin. The \$80 will be used to pay a 20 year loan for the facility. We can only hope the facility lasts as long. Griffin says a permanent 11 million dollar facility has been "on the books since 1983 and has never received funding. But it has been shelved due to lack of interest." That facility included a swimming pool and some other goodies.

The current piecemeal methods cannot continue, Griffin says. "[we pay] almost \$38,000 to the Juneau Racquet Club each year. It costs \$1000 for each major event at Centennial Hall. It costs about \$50,000 per year from my operation to provide students with the Racquet Club and other core facilities."

The present budget allows \$90,000 for the purchase of equipment. USUAS President Tribble suggested that the student government start an equipment fund. This fund could be added to each year and would allow

student government to contribute for some of the machines or equipment that will be required to run this new facility.

These additions to the UAS campus would permit more students to live in campus housing. This would conceivably increase enrollment, and consequently put a heavier demand on existing classroom space, and increase class size. For this reason Griffin says "the classroom addition, recreation and the Student Union are vital core facilities."

The classroom addition is proposed to be built adjacent to the front entrance of the Egan Library. And the Student Union, Griffin says, could be adjacent to the Mourant Building. These buildings—the recreation facility, residence hall, classroom addition, and the Student Union—would constitute a 33% increase in the number of buildings on campus. With the recent budget cuts, and corresponding increase in class size, will these buildings get used? Are there enough professors to teach in additional classrooms? These questions will be answered when the facilities are built... won't they?

200 Students Protest Aid Cuts

By JUSTIN BERGMAN
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WASHINGTON—About 200 Washington-area college students attended a rally on Capitol Hill in early March to protest Republican-proposed cuts in student financial aid programs.

Four Democratic members of Congress addressed the students, most of whom were from Georgetown University.

The demonstration came at a time when Republicans have outlined deep budget and tax cuts aimed at reducing the deficit. Up for consideration

are significant cuts to student aid, including the elimination of interest subsidies for student loans while students are attending college.

Rep. Nita Lowey (D-N.Y.) said students must organize on every campus across the nation to protest financial aid cuts.

"Student loans are an investment in the country," Lowey said. "The Republican majority is showing their extremism, and you have to fight them at the ballot box."

Rep. Lynn Woolsey (D-Calif.) told the students she wanted to take the energy and the intelligence of the crowd and "pass it out in the House." She said

reducing cuts to financial aid is her top priority because more than 1,000 students in her district will lose their loans if the legislation passes.

In response to the speeches, students chanted, "Students vote, too," and "Boot the Newt," referring to House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.).

Woolsey said if students are not able to attend college because they cannot afford it after their loans are taken away, "we won't have people ready to walk the halls of government when we get rid of Newt."

Rep. Patricia

Schroeder (D-Colo.) said the Republican majority in Congress is fighting a war against young people by vowing to take their financial aid and funding for school lunches. She said students can fight back by using their power to vote.

"They are about to take away from you the opportunity to run this country," she explained. "They think you're not going to vote... Yes, you can vote."

Sen. Clairborne Pell (D-R.I.), the founder of the Pell grant, also addressed the crowd. He told the students he believes "deeply" in the need to invest in education because the strength of the nation depends upon the character

and education of the American people.

The rally also featured four area students, who gave their personal accounts of how cuts would affect them.

George Washington University freshman Jenny-Brooke Condon said two of her sisters and her mother are all attending college, and "financial assistance has been a lifeline." She said there is no logic to explain why hard working Americans should be denied an education if financial aid is cut.

Trelwany Thompson, a Georgetown Univer-

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while Tom showed her the ins and outs of long lining. Lee couldn't believe how hard it was to work on a fishing boat. The worst part of the whole deal was that they hadn't even caught a single fish, yet. However, Lee was really loving being on the ocean.

Lee's mind wandered back into her childhood to when she had gone sport fishing with her father. They had always gone fishing with some of her father's business associates and various members of her family. They would sometimes take long trips, all the way to the Keys, Yucatan, and even through the Panama Canal to Baja and Southern California. When Lee sailed on her family's yacht, she spent the sunny afternoons watching the bow wake as it pushed through the endless waves and spray.

Life felt so uncomplicated out on the water. It was a special time when she could be alone with her thoughts and reflect on life. Those peaceful times on the water with her family helped her to see things as a whole. When she was a girl, California had seemed so different and so far north. Now she had run all the way to Alaska, and the dogs were still nipping at her heels. Lee wondered how far she would sail on her path.

She remembered her last words to her father, "If I can't be my own, I'd feel better dead."

And she remembered his comments to her. "Lee, family is everything. If our

family can't live together, then all my sacrifices have meant nothing. I might as well be dead too, my angel Lacticia." She had not heard anyone call her by that name in such a long time. The man's face had seen so much hardship that it too had become leather hard. The shattered lives and fear had carved deep lines in the otherwise tanned skin. It was as if his dark eyes could see right into someone and grab a firm hold on the true essence of that person's soul. The man knew that his world was in upheaval, still he carried on, somehow finding strength and hopefulness in each new day and all that he truly loved.

Although Lee's heart was breaking, she too had this great inner strength. Lee wanted to break down, but she had never let that tear fall. It was amazing how much clarity the water gave to her memories as she stared into the blue-green ocean swells.

After three days of fishing, Lee had become accustomed to the work and to living with the rest of the crew. Tom was definitely very different from everyone else aboard. Bill was O K and she felt indebted to Skipper, but she had little use for anyone else. Bob was not only a horrifying cook but a real scum bag. She got a kick out of Pat and John every once in a while even though she thought each of them had I.Q.s somewhere between cold beer and room temperature.

Tom and Lee had endless opportunities to be

together as they shared the same 58 ft slab of floating wood. Tom was really amazed that Lee was adjusting so well. She always seemed to have something uplifting to say. Just being near her made Tom feel more alive.

It was apparent on the VHF radio that all the boats were enjoying good fishing. After 27 years of fishing in Alaska, Skipper knew when and where to be to have a good catch. For the last three years their boat had crew shares in excess of \$80 thousand a year, with two-thirds being made during the summer. Still Tom wished that the other boats weren't catching quite so many fish, as the flood of a good catch by all would overload the market and bring prices down. The winter nights were long out on the gulf, and it always seemed to get rough after dark.

"Ya betta tie ya ass off real tight, Tommy. I'm gonna be strappin' if I ain't got my best hand when I get to back to sho," screamed Skipper as he sent Tom and John out onto the deck to beat the ice off the boat. Skipper had all the best gear on board. He made sure each man wore a locating beacon that was automatically activated when wet. The boat had a global positioning system that would mark the transponder beacon's signal via satellite. The autopilot would steer the boat within a yard or so of the transponder. Even with the best equipment men don't always make it back to shore in the winter season, or for that

matter, during most fishing seasons. Even if a man is found most likely hypothermia will kill him shortly after.

"I can't see squat, my mask is icing up and my hands are about to freeze." John was shouting right in Tom's ear but he could barely hear anything said. The two men were out on deck for almost two hours but had hardly made a dent in the

sea-spray that continually froze on deck. Bob and Pat had joined them thirty minutes ago with a sledgehammer and an ice-ax, but the fishing boat kept listing more and more. The seas seemed to be getting bigger and the old boat was sitting way too low and listing hard under the weight of ice.

There was no way they were going to last much longer.

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the speed zone signs," said Green. The Whalesong had been continually poking fun at the useless stop sign as part of a running gag.

UAS education freshman Jason Ormsby commented on the cartoons and the stop sign. He said, "I totally agreed with the cartoons because I don't see any reason for having a stop sign there."

Buffington stated that the reason she drew the cartoons was "... because a university is a place where everyone is supposed to have ideals of achievement, and that stop sign is a comical representation of limitations."

Green stated that the sign was erected in response to "complaints to Chancellor Lind about the speed of traffic on the campus."

The date has not yet been set for the stop sign to be replaced with speed zone

signs. However, Etheridge intends to make the switch within the next few days.

In case the urge arises to run that stop sign in its few remaining days, Etheridge urges students to act responsibly. He declared that "An accident at that intersection caused by someone running the stop sign would be indefensible in court. No student could afford that."

While it is unknown whether the return of speed zone signs will keep the campus safe, it will have a positive impact on one UAS student.

When Ormsby was told of the impending removal, a smile erupted and he reminisced of other momentous occasions. "They had a huge party when the Berlin Wall came down. So let's do the same!"

By KARL WESTERHOLM
WHALESONG REPORTER

Students without a home computer and modem, or who don't have the time to travel to the campus computer labs, will soon have another option: The Housing Lodge computer room will be networked. According to Network Service Technician Lee Ann Dickson, the lodge will be networked via high-speed modems to the Auke Lake campus sometime over Summer semester.

Proceeding in three phases, the project will bring "full connectivity" to the lodge computer room by the beginning of Fall semester at the latest. Coordinator Michael Ciri also indicated that the project "should not be too difficult."

This would mean applications now available in the Auke Lake Computer Lab could be used in the lodge, as well as providing convenient access to the VAX, from which students can check their email, access PortaCOM conferences, and utilize other Internet resources. While two Digital 'dumb' terminals have existed to provide VAX access to Housing residents in the past, they have been generally unreliable and frequently out-of-service.

Currently, approximately \$9,000 in funds have been spent on equipment to complete the first two stages of the project, including the networking of the computer room, Housing desk, and Housing Manager's office. Dickson and Ciri will provide the labor for the project. While

the two 'dumb' terminals operated over regular telephone lines using a 1200 bps modem, the planned network will operate at speeds of 2.44 megabits on an 'E1' line. An 'E1' line is a telephone circuit leased specifically for use in high-traffic applications, such as computer connectivity.

Other options considered for the project included running a fiber-optic cable through existing utility tunnels, which would have provided "slightly higher speed," according to Ciri, but cost proved to be prohibitive. "We looked into getting fiber but the big hang-up is getting across the road. To get across would cost around \$50,000," Dickson said. But, Ciri indicated, the speed provided by the 'E1' line will be more than sufficient for the requirements

of the project.

In the future, both hope that even greater levels of network access can be provided. "Our vision is that we will have connectivity in all buildings...maybe even each room of each dorm," Dickson said. Ultimately, the final phase of the project would include a network port in each room of the current housing complex allowing SLIP and PPP connections. However, funding for this has not yet been finalized nor a definite time table established, according to Ciri.

"We have not costed it out yet...our challenge, of course, is we're going in and retrofitting," Ciri commented. He did indicate that following completion of the first two phases of the project, "we may have a clearer idea of what phase three will cost."

"But," he added, "there may be some question how to fund it all...it could get expensive." Per room costs to complete this last phase could cost around \$200 per dorm room.

In addition to existing rooms, current plans also call for any new Housing units constructed, and specifically the proposed new dorm building, to be networked on a room-by-room basis from the outset. Despite the cost question, both were optimistic that all three phases would be completed eventually. Asked about the timetable and costs, Dickson smiled and said "Remember that a 1000-mile journey begins with one step!"

UAS students featured in KTOO's "Rain Country" TV program

By BARBARA COX
VISITING REPORTER

This week on Thursday and Saturday (March 23, 8pm and 25, 6pm) UAS students who participated in a field course on harbor seals in Glacier Bay last summer will be featured in KTOO's *Rain Country* program. Beth Mathews (UAS Biology Faculty) conducts research on harbor seals and sea lions in Glacier Bay National Park, and she has involved UAS students in this work each summer since 1993. During the summer, more than 6,000 harbor seals are found in Glacier Bay where they give birth and breed at land haulouts and on icebergs. The main goal of the long-term project is to monitor harbor seal and sea lion numbers and distribution in park waters. Land-based counts and aerial surveys are used to estimate numbers of animals at haulouts. Last year, Mathews also initiated a study to assess the effects of vessel activities on harbor seals and sea lions, and students assisted with these pilot studies.

Although the number of harbor seals and northern



Overlooking John Hopkins Inlet in Glacier Bay, Instructor Beth Mathews and research assistants Lara Dzinich and Amy Knuth discuss a recent count of Harbor seals. Mathews will be leading the research project again this summer.

sea lions in Southeast Alaska appear to be stable, populations of both species in the Gulf of Alaska have declined precipitously in the last decade. In 1992, the sea lion was declared a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act, and harbor seals in

parts of Alaska are currently being evaluated for a similar listing.

This year, Mathews' project has been funded through a Natural Resources grant from the University and a Challenge Cost Share Program grant from the National

Park Service, and Glacier Bay National Park has been very supportive of the collaborative project. Much of the work is conducted in Johns Hopkins Inlet, a remote glacial fjord in the northwest arm of Glacier Bay. Students help to establish and maintain a field camp in

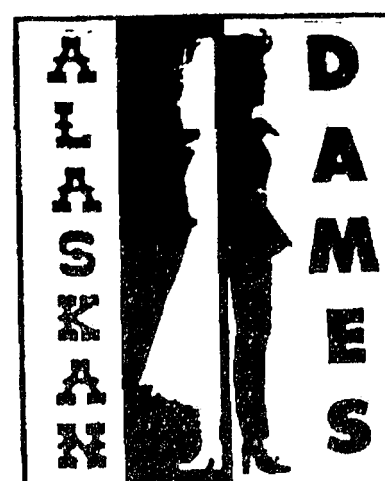
the ice-choked fjord, and they assist with data collection and entry as well as field logistics. Students may also conduct their own research project during the study. University of Alaska students who have participated in this field course include Jim Danner, Janene Driscoll, Cindy Dunn, Lara Dzinich, Chris Knight, Ami Knuth, Betsy Kunibe, Cathy Pohl, and Nancy Ratner.

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a broader perspective."

Paul, who served in Germany with the Army, says that Global Connections also has the potential to provide such a perspective.

"Alaska is very global-oriented," said Paul. "A big part of our population came from somewhere else...people here are well traveled, and we look to them as resources."



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News

State wide elections for student representatives

By BROOKE ROHWEDER
WHALESONG REPORTER

Recent elections yielded two candidates from UAS for state-wide university boards. Elections were held on all UA campuses on March 1. The new student representatives will be appointed by Governor Knowles and will serve for two years, beginning on June 1.

Senior Scott Tribble, currently student body President, was selected as a nominee for the Student

Representative position on the University of Alaska Board of Regents.

Sophomore Stephanie McGee was selected as a nominee for the Student Representative on the Alaska Commission of Postsecondary Education.

According to state law, each of these boards must have a student representative who is attending school full-time.

The Board of Regents is the presiding body over the entire University of Alaska

system. Said Tribble, "you're on a board of directors for a 300-million dollar system...there are only 11 Regents, and one of them is a student."

Tribble has been working hard to obtain political support for the position. "I spoke to Lt. Governor Ulmer yesterday, and I've been requesting other political figures to send letters to the governor," he said.

McGee said she ran for the election because she wanted to be politically involved, "but not on cam-

pus."

As stated in Alaska law, the primary purpose of the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education is to efficiently manage state and federal funding for the institutions of public and private higher education in our state.

The guidelines include developing comprehensive plans for the growth of Alaska's colleges, serving as an advisory board for the colleges, reviewing budgets, and making reports to the governor and legislature. If you happen

to run into them wish them luck or write a letter of support to Gov. Knowles. Of course, if President Tribble is appointed to the Board of Regents, the appointment could pay big dividends for UAS.

Over-the-counter purchase of bongs other paraphernalia ruled illegal nationwide

By MARCO BUSCAGLIA
COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

You remember seeing that small collection of bongs at your CD store, don't you? Right there in that glass case between the cash register and the rack holding the latest issues of "Spin."

Today, though, that shelf space is probably filled with something else, after a little-publicized ruling by the Supreme Court outlawed the sale of drug paraphernalia as of Jan. 1.

The court ruled last May that the Controlled Substance Act of 1986 included "any equipment, product, or material of any kind which is primarily intended or designed for use in manufacturing, compounding, converting, concealing, producing, processing, preparing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing into the human body a controlled substance."

The ruling stemmed from a 1990 case involving a police bust at Posters 'N' Things in Iowa. Owner Lane Christine Acty and her husband George Michael Moore were arrested after police confiscated pipes, bongs, roach clips and other drug paraphernalia. Acty was sentenced to 108 months in prison and given a \$150,000 fine by a district court. That decision had

been maintained by a U.S. Court of Appeals before it was unanimously upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Before the ruling, stores across the nation, especially those near college campuses, sold roach clips, water pipes, bongs and packets of rolling paper to customers every day. And despite the plainly marked sign stating that the enclosed materials were "For Tobacco Use Only," few really believed customers were going to take their bongs home and smoke tobacco.

"I thought this was America where people had the right to do whatever they wanted in private," says Ralph, a used-CD store owner in Normal, Ill., who was forced to clear his shelves of his roach clips and water pipes by Jan. 1 of this year, the federally imposed deadline. "I don't give a shit what people do with their stuff when they're sitting alone in their rooms. I wonder if the cops are going to start breaking down people's doors and looking under their bed next."

Ralph, who wished to go by his first name only, says that he sold items to students and professors from Illinois State University on a regular basis. "I should have been selling guns this whole time," he says. "The feds don't seem to have any problems with people selling guns."

Ralph says he knows head-shop owners in other college towns who "have a somewhat reasonable police force—not like here," and even they have cleared their shelves.

"Why take the chance?" he says.

While many store owners were upset when they learned about the ruling, most could see the writing on the wall. "You knew it was just a matter of time," says Bill McMahon, who owns We-B-Joys, a kind of '60s culture shop carrying tie-dye T-shirts and Grateful Dead merchandise in Oakland Park, Fla. "Once the Supreme Court makes a decision, it's not like they're going to change it."

McMahon cleared out his merchandise with a final clearance sale. "A lot of our regular customers came in," he says. "It was kind of sad."

Like McMahon, a lot of store owners worried about the local police moving in and decided to get rid of their merchandise almost immediately after learning about the ruling. But just as the word of the paraphernalia ban has been slow to get out to the general public, it also is slow in reaching police departments as well.

"We haven't really had time to address that," said Sgt. T.O. Cochran of the Athens police, which presides over the University

of Georgia. "When we found out, we already knew we would be spending most of our time going after the dealers. When we do find a store near campus, we'll confiscate the material and deal with it, but it's not at the top of our list of priorities."

Cochran, who heads the department's drug unit, says that police used to visit stores several times a year to check on inventory. "We don't have that luxury anymore," he says, blaming an outbreak of crack cocaine dealers in the area. "Ninety percent of our time has to go directly to dealing with the drugs."

The Athens police officer does add, however, that store owners found in violation of the federal law will be arrested.

Last October, New York City police raided 27 Manhattan head shops, arresting 36 people and seizing more than 70 million items, which ranged from crack pipes to tiny plastic bags.

"The entire law walks a very fine line," says Allen St. Pierre, director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. "Are police going to arrest you after you sell some plastic baggies because they can be used for storing pot or cocaine? It all becomes this incredible game of semantics."

St. Pierre, though,

says he believes the ruling will not stand.

"Pretty soon, though, more local courts are going to realize that the ruling has no true basis in the Constitution, and they are going to start letting people get off," St. Pierre adds. "Then the whole thing will go back to the Supreme Court, and they'll have to do it all over again."

Manhattan federal Judge Robert Sweet recently provided St. Pierre with some legal ammunition after he threw out charges against three men who were arrested for selling drug paraphernalia. Sweet called the Supreme Court's interpretation of the Controlled Substance Act "unconstitutionally vague."

In his ruling, Sweet stated that "many objects that fall within the statute's terms have dual purposes. . . Differentiating between purposes is at best guesswork and the statute's broad language offers no guidance."

But whatever the Supreme Court ultimately decides, most store patrons who have suddenly found psupplies depleted are confident they'll be able to find other sources.

"I'll just have to learn how to make a better bong," says Ted, a sophomore at the University of Virginia. "As long as they don't outlaw plastic tubing, I'll be alright."

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sity junior, said she has a dream of being the first person in her family to graduate from college. She said she currently has taken out three federal loans and has a work-study job.

"Some members of the federal government are trying to take my dream away from me," she said. "All of my hard work will be taken away (if financial aid is cut)."

Susan Gorman, a sophomore at Georgetown, said her brother is also in college and her sister will be going to college next year. She said her father died of

lung cancer in April, which left her family "emotionally and financially devastated."

Her financial aid package at Georgetown increased this year, and she was able to return to the university. But she added that she and her sister are realizing they might have to transfer to schools closer to home if their financial aid is slashed.

"The government has failed to consult the students about cuts in financial aid," Georgetown student Carlyn McVey said. "Just as (Rep. John) Kasich (R-Ohio) has the ability to

decide my future with his vote in Congress, I have the ability to decide his future with my vote."

George Washington freshman Doug Minier, who is the internship coordinator for the GW chapter of the College Democrats, said about 60 percent of GW students are on financial aid, and the cuts are going "to really hit our pocketbooks." He said students can make a difference if their voices are heard.

Miner said a national rally is tentatively being planned for the beginning of April.

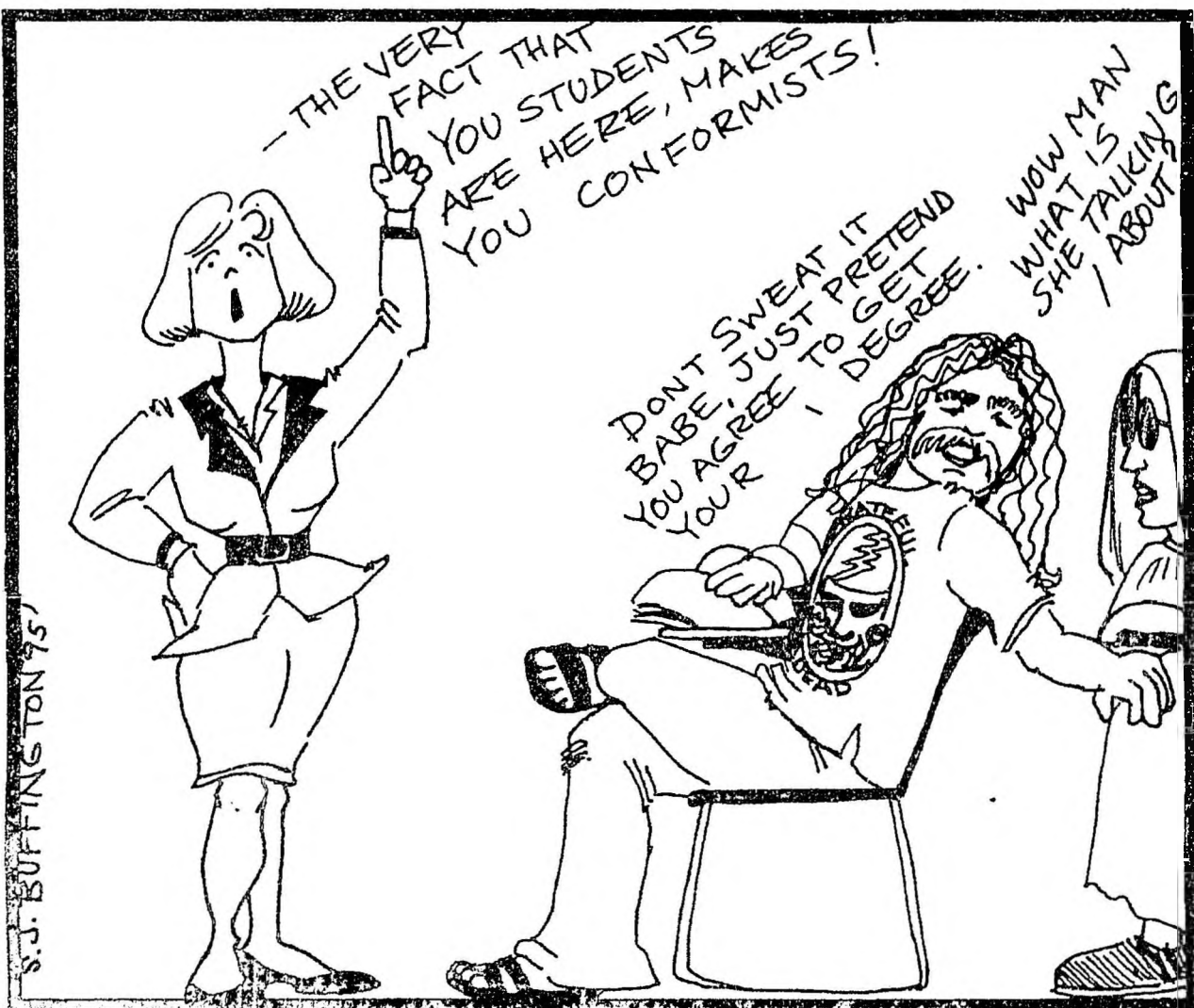
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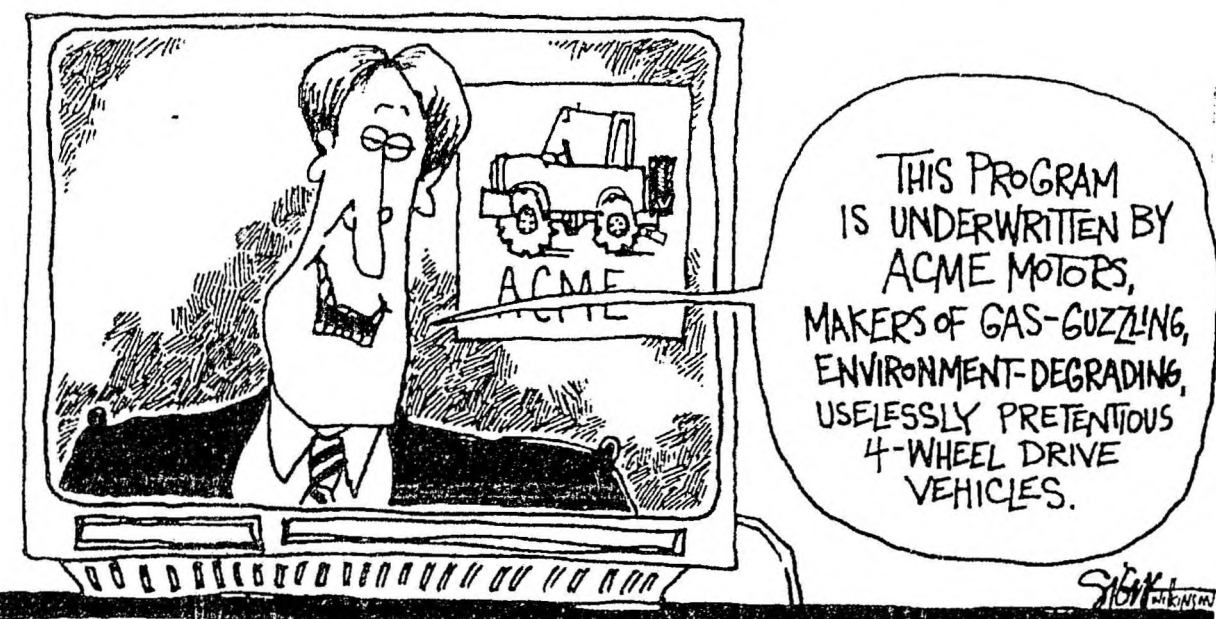
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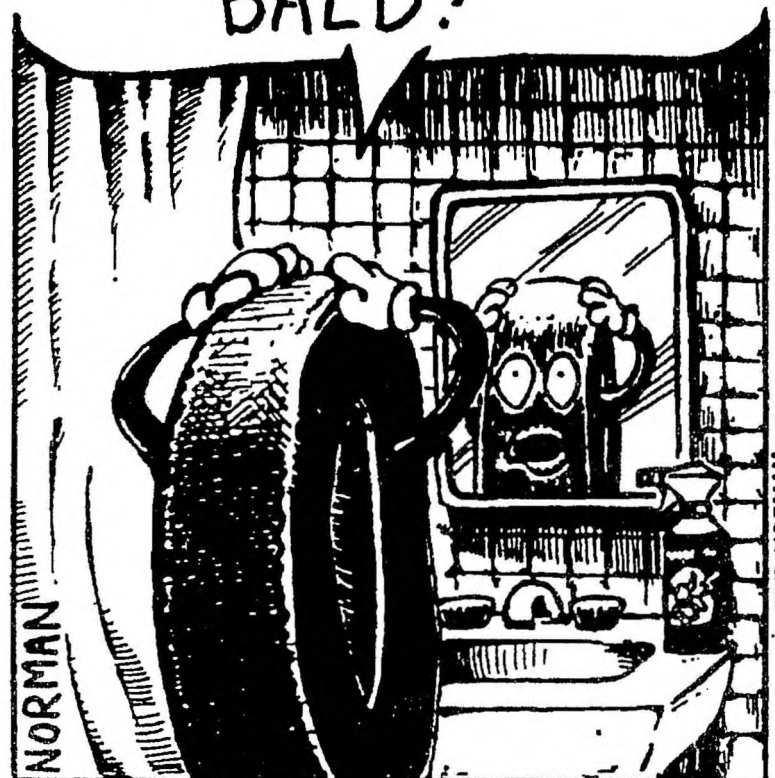
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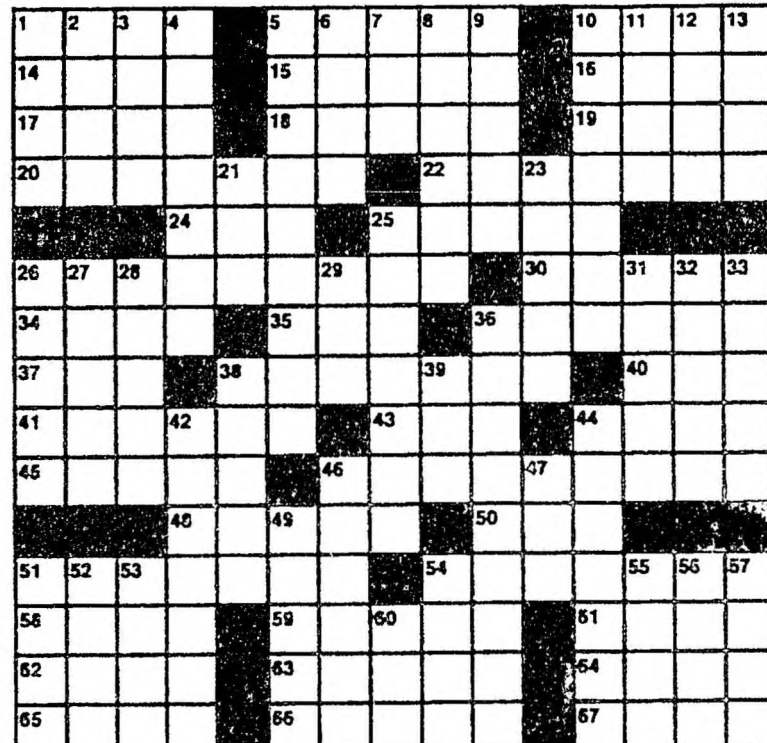
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- 15 Jewish holiday
- 16 Exchange premium
- 17 Monster
- 18 Raise one's spirits
- 19 Tibetan priest
- 20 Find the length of
- 22 Changed to fit
- 24 Train stop: abbr.
- 25 Cove
- 26 Puts in peril
- 30 Bomb makers?
- 34 Back
- 35 Ancient
- 36 Big cat
- 37 Connecting word
- 38 Win
- 40 "A Boy Named —"
- 41 Musical exercises
- 43 Tube top
- 44 Confined
- 45 Shore bird
- 46 Those testifying under oath
- 48 Handled (a situation)
- 50 Male child
- 51 Garb
- 54 Unexplained cure
- 58 Narrow opening
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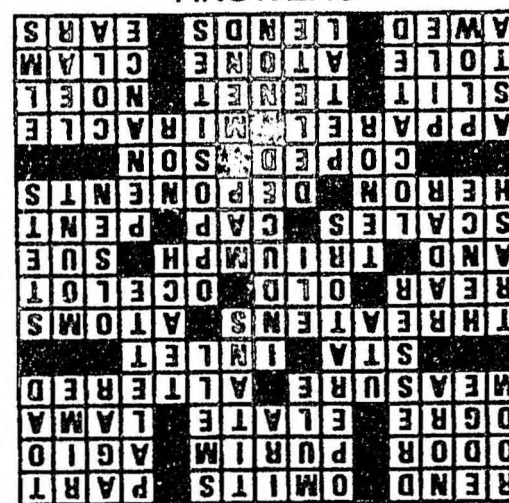
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- 51 Movie dog
- 52 Farm implement
- 53 Heap
- 54 Repair
- 55 Beverage
- 56 Norman —, TV producer
- 57 Shade trees
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